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PRESIDING MEMBER BOYD: All right, folks, good morning. Sorry to delay you. The siting committee in another case did you an impromptu, real quick get-together.

Well, good morning, and welcome to the evidentiary hearing of the proposed CPV Sentinel Energy Project. The committee members present are present. I'm Commissioner Jim Boyd, the presiding and only commissioner left standing on this case. And I'm joined by, of course, Hearing Officer Ken Celli. This case is so old that my fellow committee member's term ran out, and is no longer with us.

In any event, on my right is my advisor Tim
Olson, who also is kind of new to this case. I've been
through several advisors since this -- I think we started
this particular case.

So in any event, my voice is hanging in here a little bit better today, so nonetheless, I look forward to Mr. Celli doing a lot of the talking.

And let's move immediately to the introductions. And I'd like to start with the staff first.

Mr. Ratcliff, Ratliff -- I'll get your name right.

MR. RATLIFF: Yes. Dick Ratliff counsel for

- staff. I have with me also Ms. Holmes, Caryn Holmes, who is the counsel for the case and who is assisting me today, as well as Bob Worl, who is the acting project manager today.
- 5 PRESIDING MEMBER BOYD: Okay. Applicant, 6 Mr. Carroll.
 - MR. RATLIFF: And in addition, I add that Steve Radis, who is the staff witness, is on the line to answer committee questions.
- 10 PRESIDING MEMBER BOYD: Thank you.
- 11 Mr. Carroll, applicant.
- MR. CARROLL: Good morning. Mike Carroll with
 Latham & Watkins on behalf of the applicant. And I have
 with me for today, Mark Turner, and Will Mitchell, both of
 CPV Sentinel, LLC.
- 16 Thank you.

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- 17 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Intervenors. How about 18 California Communities Against Toxics?
- MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: Good morning. My name is
 Angela Johnson Meszaros. I am counsel to California
 Communities Against Toxics.
- PRESIDING MEMBER BOYD: It's good to meet you.

 And I've had lots of correspondence from you, but never have had you in my path; our paths, we've been going different directions. In any event --

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: It's nice to have a face to go with the e-mail line, right?

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: CBE, or Communities for a Better Environment?

MS. LAZEROW: Good morning, Commissioner Boyd.
Shana Lazerow on behalf of CBE.

PRESIDING MEMBER BOYD: Welcome.

Are there any elected officials in the room or on the phone who would want to be introduced into the record and announce themselves?

Okay. Other government agency representatives, including South Coast?

MS. BAIRD: Good morning, Commissioner Boyd.

Barbara Baird, district counsel here for the South Coast.

I also I have, as Mr. Ratliff mentioned, Mr. Mohsen Nazemi to answer committee questions, and then also Mr. Rick Rothman, who is here on the matter of the district's motion to exclude the proposed testimony of Michael Harris. And Mr. Rothman will be prepared to address that issue.

PRESIDING MEMBER BOYD: Okay. Thank you.

Any other government agencies in the room, on the phone, who would like to indicate on the record their presence?

MR. EVANSON: Dale Evanson, deputy fire marshal

for Riverside County Fire Department.

PRESIDING MEMBER BOYD: Welcome.

Any others?

If not, I would like to acknowledge our public advisor, Jennifer Jennings, who's sitting in the back with her hand up. She will help any of you who have questions about the process and procedures of the hearing. She stocks the supply of little blue cards that we like to have filled out for anyone who wants to speak to the matter at the public portion of the discussion.

Anyone else on the phone who would want to be introduced?

Okay. Then I'm going to turn the hearing over to Hearing Officer Ken Celli and rest my scarce voice a little bit. Thanks.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you, Commissioner.

If there are any members of the public who would like to make a comment today, whether it be oral or in writing, please see Ms. Jennings, and she will have you fill out a blue card, and we will know that you're here and know that you want to make a public comment. And that's how we are able to respond to your comments at that time.

Today's evidentiary hearing is a formal adjudicatory proceeding to receive evidence into the

formal evidentiary record from the parties. Only the parties, which are the applicant, intervenors, and CEC staff, may present evidence for introduction into the formal evidentiary record, which is the only evidence upon which the commission may base its decision for law.

Technical rules of evidence are generally followed, however, any relevant, non-cumulative evidence may be admitted if it is the sort of evidence upon which responsible persons are accustomed to rely in the conduct of serious affairs.

Testimony offered by the parties shall be under oath. Each party shall have the right to present and cross-examine witnesses, introduce exhibits, and to rebut evidence of another party. Questions of relevance will be decided by the committee. Hearsay evidence may be used to supplement or explain other evidence but shall not be sufficient in itself to support a finding.

The committee will rule on motions and objections. The committee may take official notice of matters within the energy commission's field of competence and of any fact that may be judicially noticed by California courts.

The official record of this proceeding includes sworn testimony of the parties' witnesses, the reporter's transcript of the evidentiary hearing, the exhibits

received into evidence, briefs, pleadings, orders, notices, and comments submitted by members of the public.

The committee's decision will be based solely on the record of competent evidence in order to determine whether the project complies with applicable law.

Members of the public who are not parties are welcome and invited to observe these proceedings. There will also be an opportunity for the public to provide comment before we close the hearing today. Depending upon the number of persons who wish to speak, the committee may limit the time allowed for each speaker.

This public comment period is intended to provide an opportunity for persons who attend the hearing in person or by telephone to address the committee. It is not an opportunity to present written or recorded or documentary materials. Such materials may be docketed and submitted to the energy commission for inclusion in the administrative record however.

Members of the public who wish to speak should fill out fill out a blue card provided by the public advisor. It you would prefer not to speak, but would like to submit a written comment, the blue card has a space to do that.

The exhibit list has been distributed, and I left a few copies on the table by the door. It's been

distributed to the parties electronically, and the parties were asked to bring copies today for their use. We will use this list to organize the receipt of evidence in the record. The parties may offer their list of evidence into evidence.

The way we will proceed today, again, this is -we've already taken and closed the record on every topic
in the CPV Sentinel except air quality, so this is
strictly limited to the air quality topic.

The way we will proceed is that the applicant will -- because the applicant has the burden of proof, the applicant will call its witnesses on direct or put on whatever evidence it wants to put in followed by cross-examination by the other parties.

After the applicant has moved in all its exhibits and witnesses into evidence, staff will call its witnesses on direct followed by cross-examination by the other parties, and so on until all of the parties have moved their there evidence into the record with regard to air quality. That's the normal way we do things. We'll see if we can stick to that.

Before we take evidence, we will need to rule on the following motions. There were two motions brought.

One was applicant's motion to exclude updated declaration of Julia May that was filed on June 30th, 2010; and the

other motion was South Coast Air Quality Management District's motion to disqualify Michael Harris as a witness.

If I could just have a moment -- I'm managing the WebEx from up here as well, and it was blinking, so I need to see if there's something --

Okay. We have a number of people on the phone.

Okay. So first as to the applicant's motion to exclude the updated declaration of Julia May filed June 30th, 2010, we received the applicant's motion on July 7th, 2010, which established that the updated declaration was filed two weeks past the deadline set by the committee. The prejudice alleged was the parties were denied an opportunity to file a written rebuttal.

The committee's aware of the counsel for CBE was out of the country until, I guess, today or yesterday.

MS. LAZEROW: Saturday.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Saturday. Well, welcome back.

MS. LAZEROW: Saturday evening. Thank you.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: And I hope it was a wonderful trip.

But we acknowledge that CBE was unavailable to respond to the motion. The updated declaration amounts to 10 pages and contains 69 pages of attachments, to wit, a

four-page document identified as "AP42, Abrasive

Blasting," an eight-page document identified as "South

Coast Air Quality Management District Guidance Regarding

PM from Aggregate," a 44-page document identified as

"Application for Certification 5.1 Oakley Power Plant,"

and a four-page document identified as a (inaudible)

"Generation Offset Calculations."

The committee observes that the original declaration of Julia May, which was timely filed on June 15th, 2010, presented her approach to rebutting the Air Quality Management District's calculations of ERCs based upon six shutdowns. The updated declaration simply continues with the approach by criticizing five more shutdowns.

The committee finds that although the updated declaration of Julia May was untimely, the information contained therein was foreseeable to the other parties based upon disclosures made in CPV's pre-hearing conference statement. The committee is interested in hearing the other parties' responses to the allegations made in both declarations of Julia May, and the committee finds that the parties are not prejudiced by the late filing because they will have an opportunity to rebut the testimony in today's hearing. Therefore, the committee will allow CBE to move Julia May's June 30th, 2010,

updated declaration into the record and denies the motion to exclude it.

To be clear, the committee is not ruling that Julia May's updated declaration is received into evidence, the ruling simply allows CBE to move the testimony into the record over an objection of untimeliness.

As to South Coast's June 16th, 2010, motion to disqualify Michael Harris as a witness -- is he here?

Okay. Is he going to be on the phone?

And for the record, Ms. Johnson Meszaros shook her head.

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: No, he is not here. He will not be on the phone.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you.

South Coast seeks to prevent disclosure of confidential communications subject to attorney-client privilege arising from Michael Harris's legal representation of South Coast between 2002 and 2007.

California Communities Against Toxics, which I'm going to refer to as "CCAT" throughout these proceedings, seeks to offer Michael Harris as an expert witness, and they filed an opposition on July 1st, 2010, claiming that South Coast lacks standing to challenge Mr. Harris's participation as a witness and that Mr. Harris's prior representation of South Coast was not substantially

related to the testimony that will be offered by CCAT and is not adverse to South Coast Air Quality Management District.

South Coast Air Quality Management District filed a reply claiming standing and reiterating their position that Mr. Harris's previous employment with South Coast creates a conflict of interest that should preclude him from testifying for CCAT.

Energy commission staff filed a rebuttal on June 30st, 2010, arguing that Michael Harris's declaration should be treated as legal argument only and not as evidence.

The committee has received enough briefing from all of the parties on the issue and makes the following observations and findings: First, South Coast Air Quality Management District is not a party; South Coast, as a governmental agency, may, but is not required, to intervene to become a party to participate in energy commission siting hearings.

Nevertheless, air districts are required to participate in our process, as is clear in many laws and regulations, including Sections 25506 and 25523 of the Warren Alquist Act as well as Section 1744.5 and 1752.3 of Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations, just to name a few.

On the question of standing, Section 1714.5 subsection 2 expects agencies to perform -- this is quoting, "perform or conduct such analyses or studies as needed to resolve any significant concerns of the agency or satisfy any remaining substantive requirements for the issuance of a final permit by the agency which would have jurisdiction but for the commission's exclusive authority."

And 1714.5 subsection 2 allows agencies to, quote, "present, explain, and defend in public hearings held on applications for certification the results of the agency's analyses, studies, or other review relevant to the application. The agency may submit comments and recommendations on any aspect of the application."

Section 1716(c) confers rights of discovery on, quote, "any public agency which is not a party," and Section 1716(g) gives non-party agencies the right to petition the committee to compel discovery.

While section 1716.5 does not specifically include agencies as parties and able to file motions or petitions, Section 1717(a) does specifically include agencies as entities who would, quote, "submit petitions, motions, briefs, comments, written testimony or exhibits."

Based upon the substantial interests of the air

district in this case, the committee finds that South

Coast Air Quality Management District does have standing
to bring their motion to disqualify Michael Harris because
they have the right to protect their privileged

communications with counsel; however, the committee agrees
with staff that Mr. Harris's testimony only relates to his
legal argument that AB 1318 is invalid unless and until
the amendment to this state implementation plan is
approved by the federal EPA.

The committee does not see anything that resembles a confidential communication in the testimony of Michael Harris, and therefore, the committee denies South Coast's motion to disqualify Michael Harris without prejudice to South Coast Air Quality Management District's interposing objections and asserting their privilege in the course of Mr. Harris's testimony if it appears he's called upon to divulge confidential communications. In other words, the committee will rule on those objections as they arise while Mr. Harris testifies, and the motion is denied.

So now having said that and being informed that Mr. Harris isn't going to be here, is it my understanding that the only testimony for Mr. Harris is going to be submitted on the declaration?

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: It's my understanding

1 based upon the conversations that we had prior to today's

hearing, that all the parties agreed that there wouldn't

3 be live testimony offered as direct or cross, and so,

4 | therefore, we did not request that Mr. Harris be here.

And his testimony would be limited to that that he's

provided in written form.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you. And it's been a long time, and I'm sorry I didn't remember that, but without that, motion would be denied.

Is there any testimony that's going to be taken live today? Is there any need for that?

Applicant?

MR. CARROLL: The only testimony, based on what's transpired already this morning that I would expect to be taken live would be the rebuttal of the supplemental May declaration, which the committee has ruled upon.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay.

MR. CARROLL: So we didn't -- from applicant's perspective, we did not intend to present any live witnesses or cross-examine any witnesses today; but given the committee's ruling on that issue, then we may have some rebuttal testimony from, presumably, South Coast on the May declaration.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay. Staff, does that comport with your understanding? You're not going to be

calling any live witnesses today?

MR. RATLIFF: Could I confer with the district's counsel on that?

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Sure.

MR. RATLIFF: We have here the district's witness, Mohsen Nazemi. Depending on the preference of the committee, he can either rebut Ms. May's late-filed testimony today, or we can seek two weeks to file an additional piece of testimony from Mr. Nazemi which will address the issues that her testimony raises.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay. Let's hear from the other parties, and then we can make a decision on that.

Ms. Johnson Meszaros.

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: As I believe that this is a question about CBE's expert and how they want to proceed, I'm not sure exactly how I can help move this decision along.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay. We're just -- basically I'm trying to get a sense of how much of the day do we need to spend taking testimony; and if you have no witnesses present, then --

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: You know, I would have been happy to have Mr. Harris be here today, but based on our prior decision, he is not here today. So I don't

know --

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay. That's fine.

And, Ms. Lazerow, is that pretty much the same situation for CBE?

MS. LAZEROW: That's correct. I actually checked my e-mail when I got back Saturday night and, you know, sent a confirming e-mail to Ms. May, no, she didn't have to be in Sacramento or available to testify today based on our agreement on June 30th. The agreement actually came about on July 1 before I left the country.

But I would just like to point out that to the extent that Mr. Nazemi is going to be offering testimony in rebuttal today, I don't know whether there will be yet another opportunity for analysis or discussion of whatever comes out of that.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: We will set a briefing schedule at the end of the hearing.

MS. LAZEROW: Excellent. Thank you.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: So with that, I guess what we'll do then is start with the applicant, and the applicant can move in your evidence at this time.

MR. RATLIFF: Well, Mr. Celli, I need to make sure, do you want Mr. Nazemi then to take his opportunity today to rebut the late-filed testimony, or do you want us to wait two weeks and then file written testimony?

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: One moment. We're going 1 to go off the record for a second. 2 3 (Recess.) HEARING OFFICER CELLI: In response to staff's 4 5 question, what the committee would prefer is that 6 Mr. Nazemi testify today and give the parties an 7 opportunity to cross-examine Mr. Nazemi, and then we can 8 close the record on air quality today, and then we will 9 set up a briefing schedule. 10 So with that, applicant, you have --MR. ROTHMAN: Mr. Celli, it's Rick Rothman. 11 Can I just ask for a clarification on your ruling with respect 12 13 to --14 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Is your green light on? 15 Is it not working? 16 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: You need to speak right 17 into these mics. MR. ROTHMAN: I'll start eating the mic, if that 18 19 helps. 20 I'd like to get a clarification on the ruling with respect to Michael Harris's testimony. 21 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Yes. 22 23 MR. ROTHMAN: Is it my understanding that you are 24 accepting his testimony into the record? 25 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Yes.

MR. ROTHMAN: In which case, I don't think that the ruling which says that it is only legal argument satisfies the district with respect to its concerns, because it's not the case the district is concerned about the legal argument that's presented, and had the lawyers for CCAT or CBE made those arguments themselves, and they can still make those arguments themselves, there would be no objection.

The objection is to the allowing testimony by Michael Harris into the record at all because of his participation as district counsel in related matters. And we will not be able to, you know, sit here quietly as that moves in for fear of waiving our rights as a former client of Mr. Harris's. So we would ask you to reconsider that.

We have no objection to having the intervenors make the same legal arguments as much as they want, but we would prefer it -- not prefer, we insist, actually, that it not be from a former counsel. And it doesn't matter that the testimony that he's proffered doesn't specifically raise any specific confidential information. The issue under the law is whether he was made aware of confidential information or legal strategies of the district that are substantially related to what he's testifying to. And we assert that he did. And we provided it in our papers. And we think that the legal

argument can go forward, we're not objecting to that, we just don't think that it can go forward on the basis of his testimony.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Understood. And I think that that was quite clear in your legal brief. So the committee considered those arguments, and ultimately whether Michael Harris testifies or chooses to testify is -- he does so at his own peril, and he does so -- and South Coast has recourse, and that's between South Coast and Mr. Harris, possibly the state bar, maybe even his E&O carrier, but I believe that CCAT has the right to call whoever they want as a witness, and if their witness happens to have the potential for a conflict of interest, that that witness testifies at his peril. But we stand by the decision to allow them to move that testimony in, we're going to allow them to do so. And the parties can object at that time.

MR. ROTHMAN: Well, if it's only coming in on -HEARING OFFICER CELLI: It's ruled, it's not
admissible, as a question of admissibility. So I think
it's clear then that the committee has denied the motion,
that we don't find that there's any attorney-client
privileged communications.

We understand what the concerns are of South Coast, that they don't want former attorneys testifying,

- but that's between South Coast and their former attorney.
 And unless you can raise an objection, point to some
- 3 privileged information that violates some rule or law,
- 4 | then we would be not inclined to exclude evidence.

- MR. ROTHMAN: Well, explain to me how legal argument is evidence in this matter. It's legal argument that any of the lawyers can make.
 - HEARING OFFICER CELLI: That's right. It really is. And we will give it whatever weight it deserves as it goes to the ultimate question. All of these parties want to make legal argument that goes to the ultimate question. And they're all going to do that. And we will take everyone's legal brief and give it the weight it deserves, but we're not going to exclude that evidence.
 - MR. ROTHMAN: And just so that I'm clear, that your ruling is that there's nothing in Mr. Harris's testimony that you are considering as confidential information.
 - HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Not that we see. And South Coast has the right to raise that and point that out and show us if there is some confidential communication in there, but we --
- MR. ROTHMAN: We're not saying that the legal argument is confidential communication. We're not saying that. We're saying it doesn't have to be to exclude a

witness. The witnesses can be excluded even if they haven't presented testimony that reveals any client confidences, because the policy to protect the confidences and the legal strategies of the former client are such that the law disfavors even the participation as a witness against a former client on a related matter.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Right. That was in the briefs, we understood that, that was clear, and the committee didn't agree.

MR. ROTHMAN: Thank you.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: With that, applicant, there's a motion to introduce evidence?

MR. CARROLL: Yes. As previously indicated, applicant will not be presenting any additional live testimony today, so we will be proceeding on the declarations previously filed and the exhibits identified therein.

There are a number of exhibits identified on the tentative exhibit list that I would move into evidence.

There are a couple that I'm going to hold until the end because I have a question and I want to make sure that we're in agreement on how those documents should be handled. So I'll first move all of the exhibits for which I believe there are no outstanding issues or questions.

So at this time applicant would move into the

- 1 evidentiary record applicant's exhibits number 7, 33, 34,
 2 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 62, 63, 92, 102, 138, 139, 140, 142,
 3 143, 144, 146, 147, and 148.
 - HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Can I just some clarification? You skipped 87, Exhibit 87. You inserted Exhibit 102, which I don't have. What is Exhibit 102?
- 7 MR. CARROLL: Exhibit 102 is on the tentative 8 exhibit list. It was a previous declaration of John Lague 9 regarding air quality. That was submitted when the 10 initial declarations were submitted back in November of --11 or, I'm sorry, October of 2008.
- HEARING OFFICER CELLI: I see. I was looking at this one.
- 14 Okay. So that's 102.

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- And then 141, you're withholding 87 and 141 for the time being?
 - MR. CARROLL: Well, and perhaps this is -- well, those are the two that I had questions about, so I don't know if you want to deal with the ones I just identified first and then we'll come back to those or if you want me to indicate what my question was on those two now.
- HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Well, let's take care of your question.
- MR. CARROLL: Okay. So the question is, 25 Exhibit 87, Applicant's Exhibit 87 is the final

determination of compliance prepared and submitted by the South Coast AQMD.

Applicant's Exhibit 141 is the addendum to the determination of compliance prepared and filed by the South Coast AQMD. As the committee knows, sometimes the air district documents are sponsored by the applicant, sometimes they're sponsored by the CEC staff, sometimes they're sponsored by the air district itself. We had identified these exhibits on our exhibit list just to make sure that they were on someone's exhibit list.

As this matter has unfolded, we obviously have South Coast here, so it wasn't clear to me whether applicant should be sponsoring those two documents or whether South Coast or the CEC should be sponsoring those two documents. We're happy to do it, but I just wanted to make sure that was clear.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: You might as well. You have the burden.

MR. CARROLL: Okay. Then we would also move Applicant's Exhibit 87 and Applicant Exhibit 141.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay. Is there any objection to exhibits -- the exhibits listed by the applicant just now. And if you want me to I'll read the list to you.

Mr. Ratliff?

1 MR. RATLIFF: No. HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Any objection, 2 Ms. Johnson Meszaros? 3 MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: No objection. 4 5 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Any objection, 6 Ms. Lazerow? 7 MS. LAZEROW: No objection. 8 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you. With that, 9 then --10 MR. CARROLL: Mr. Celli --11 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Yes. 12 MR. CARROLL: I'm sorry. A follow up. 13 Since the applicant has now sponsored those first 14 two South Coast documents, there are two additional 15 documents that have been filed by South Coast or in that 16 series that did not appear on the tentative exhibit list, 17 and perhaps this would be the appropriate time to deal with those. 18 19 They would be the May 12th, 2010, revision to the 20 addendum to the determination of compliance which was docketed on May 12th, 2010. And then a minor correction 21 22 to the determination of compliance, which was filed by 23 South Coast on July 15th, 2010. 24 And again, it may be that CEC staff or 25 South Coast is planning to identify these, but since we

were dealing with South Coast documents, I just wanted to bring these to the committee's attention as well.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: So Exhibit 149 is a 5/12/10 revision to the addendum, which would have been Exhibit 141. And then Exhibit 150 is a minor correction filed -- I'm sorry, what date was that filed?

MR. CARROLL: July 15th.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: 7/15. Is there anything -- it doesn't have a title. Is it entitled "minor correction" or --

MR. CARROLL: It is -- the cover letter reads, "Enclosed is the original letter addressing a minor correction to the 30-day average daily emission calculations for the CPV Sentinel for post power plant project."

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: And then what's attached to it?

MR. CARROLL: Attached to it is a July 15th letter from Mr. Mohsen Nazemi at South Coast AQMD to the California Energy Commission docket. In brief, the minor correction to increase the offset obligation of the project. So presumably not controversial from anybody's viewpoint other than the applicant.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: So the date of the letter of Mr. Nazemi --

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             MR. CARROLL: Is July 15th as well.
             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: So both the cover letter
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    and the -- and the letter from Mohsen Nazemi are 7/15/10.
             MR. CARROLL: Correct.
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             (Applicant's Exhibits 149 and 150 were
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             marked for identification.)
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you.
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             Any objection to 149 -- well, any objection to
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    the additional -- Exhibits 149 and 150 marked for
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    identification?
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             MR. RATLIFF: No.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay. Any objection to
    the additional two, exhibits 149 and Exhibit 150,
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    Ms. Johnson Meszaros?
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             MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: No objection.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Ms. Lazerow, any
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    objection?
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             MS. LAZEROW: None.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay, with that then the
    committee will receive into evidence exhibits marked for
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    identification 7, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 62, 63, 87,
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    92, 102, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 146, 147, 148,
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    149, 150 are all received into evidence.
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39, 62, 63, 87, 92, 102, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142,

143, 144, 146, 147, 148, 149, and 150 were

received into evidence.)

MR. CARROLL: Mr. Celli?

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Yes.

MR. CARROLL: I have a couple of additional items

that I'd like to address if now is appropriate --

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Please.

MR. CARROLL: -- related to exhibits.

There is an exhibit that was identified in Ms. May's declaration. It is the information that was provided pursuant to the California Public Records Act request filed with the South Coast AQMD by the intervenors in these proceedings. That information was docketed by the applicant.

I need some clarification -- applicant would like to see that the entirety of that document be moved into the record. As I said, it's been identified by intervenor CBE, but it wasn't clear to me whether they were identifying the entirety of the document or only portions referenced in Ms. May's declaration. If they're moving the entirety of the document, then we're fine; if not, then we would want the remainder of the document to be moved as well.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: I'm looking at CBE's tentative exhibit list. It's got Exhibits 400 through 403. Which are we talking about? 402?

MS. LAZEROW: I believe they're denominated as Exhibits 400 and 402. And to the extent that it references various portions of the responses to the Public Records Act request, Ms. May was simply providing the portions on which she was relying in her analysis, not the entire response to the Public Records Act request; and that was done on the assumption that the applicant or the staff would, in fact, be moving the entire thing into the record. And these were provided as basically as a tool to the commission in its analysis, that, you know, the specific 40 pages on which she was relying --

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you.

MS. LAZEROW: -- of any given document.

MR. CARROLL: In light of that, then applicant would request that the entirety of the document, which was docketed on June 11th, 2010, be identified Applicant's Exhibit 151 and moved into evidence.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: What specifically is the title of the document? 6/10. And Exhibit 151?

MR. CARROLL: The title of the document, which appears on the disc that was filed is "South Coast AQMD Emission Reduction Credit Documents Produced per CPRA

1 requests 61990 and 61991." HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Is that that disc I 2 received with like --3 MR. CARROLL: Yes. 4 5 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: -- with like a million 6 pages in it? 7 MR. CARROLL: Yes. 8 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: I wonder if we could get 9 some sort of focus on to what exactly you want in that 10 record. I mean, maybe when we get to briefs you can do 11 that. 12 MR. CARROLL: We'll be happy to do that in briefs. 13 14 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay. So any objection 15 to -- so it's called the June 10th South Coast Air Quality 16 Management District Emissions Reductions Credits, Response 17 to Public Records Act Request. Is that what it's called? MR. CARROLL: Yes. It's California Public 18 19 Records Act -- response to California Public Records Act 20 request 61990 and 61991. 21 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Any objection from staff? 22 MR. RATLIFF: No. 23 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Any objection from CCAT? 24 MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: I don't have an objection,

but just for clarity, I believe that the entire -- that

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the applicant submitted the entire Public Records Act request response into the record; is that correct?

MR. CARROLL: Yes.

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: And the portion in Ms. May's testimony is a subset of that has already been entirely submitted into the record.

MR. CARROLL: Correct.

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: And so what you're asking for is for the exhibit list to acknowledge that the entire document out of which the excerpts were pulled is part of the record.

MR. CARROLL: Correct.

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: Okay. So, no, I don't have an objection to that.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Any objection CBE?

MS. LAZEROW: None.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay. Well, certainly
I've got concerns about it just because it's such an
overwhelming amount of information so that even when we
get to briefs we're going to need to be guided as to what
it is in there that you want us to look at.

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: Mr. Celli, I'll just add that the reason Ms. May attached those subsections was to provide focus instead of having to go through all the documents, so those were the exceptions on which she

relied, and so she attached those for clarity, but it wasn't meant to be duplicative or --

 $\label{eq:hearing officer celli: I understand that, and we $$ do appreciate that.$

With that motion, Exhibit 151 marked for identification will be received into evidence as Exhibit 151.

(Applicant's Exhibit 151 was marked for identification and received into evidence.)
MR. CARROLL: Thank you.

And I have one final matter. In light of the committee's ruling this morning on the South Coast AQMD's motion to exclude the declaration of Michael Harris, we would ask that applicant's rebuttal to the declaration of Michael Harris docketed on June 30th, 2010, be identified as applicant's Exhibit 152 and would move that into evidence as well.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Any objection from staff?
MR. RATLIFF: No.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Any objection from CCAT?

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: No objection.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Any objection from CBE?

MS. LAZEROW: No objection.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: And the title of the

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             MR. CARROLL: "-- to the Declaration of Michael
    Harris." And that was docketed on June 30th, 2010.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Was that a declaration
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    signed by anyone?
             MR. CARROLL: No, it was not. It was legal
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    argument submitted on behalf of counsel.
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             MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: We believe it was a
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    declaration signed by Michael Harris.
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             MR. CARROLL: No, I think he meant for rebuttal.
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             MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: Oh, okay, sorry.
             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: That was filed on what
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   date?
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             MR. CARROLL: June 30th, 2010.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you.
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             There being no objection then, Exhibit 152 marked
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    for identification, "Applicant's Rebuttal to the
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    Declaration of Michael Harris" filed on June 30th, 2010,
   will be received into evidence as Exhibit 152.
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             (Applicant's Exhibit 152 was marked for
             identification and received into evidence.)
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             MR. CARROLL: That concludes all of the
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    applicant's exhibits. Thank you.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you.
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             Staff, do you have a motion as to staff's
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    exhibits?
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             MR. RATLIFF: Yes. It appears that all of the
    exhibits that we filed for the air quality portion of this
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    proceeding other than the original addendum that was filed
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    in 2008 -- oh, I'm sorry. It appears that all of our
    filings that have been made in the last few months have
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    not been marked as exhibits. And I'll begin with the
    April 15th, 2010, final staff assessment air quality
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    addendum.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Do you have an exhibit
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    list?
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             MR. RATLIFF: I don't.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay.
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             MR. RATLIFF: I mean, I have your exhibit list,
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Right. And I saw that
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    your new exhibits from staff on air quality were omitted.
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    So I basically -- how many exhibits do you --
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             MR. RATLIFF:
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Oh, okay. Well, staff,
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    and we're starting with what number?
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             MR. RATLIFF: This would be -- you've marked
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    through Exhibit 213. And I believe all those have been
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    admitted previously.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay. So 214 is what?
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             MR. RATLIFF: It's the final staff assessment
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    addendum. Also marked as a staff report.
             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: And that was filed --
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             MR. RATLIFF: Filed April 15th, 2010.
             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay. Exhibit 215?
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             MR. RATLIFF: Exhibit 215 would be the errata to
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    the final staff assessment air quality addendum.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: And that was filed on
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   what date?
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             MR. RATLIFF: May 6th, 2010.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay. And 216?
             MR. RATLIFF: 216 would be the errata number two
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    to the final staff assessment air quality addendum filed
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    on May 19th, 2010.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: That's right, I remember,
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    actually, I was looking at your filings, and I saw that
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    there was a errata number two.
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             MR. RATLIFF: Right.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Is the errata -- the
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   first errata, does it actually say number one on it or
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    just as errata?
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             MR. RATLIFF: It just says errata.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay. Go ahead.
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   we're at 217.
             MR. RATLIFF: And then 217 would be the rebuttal
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    testimony filed by Mr. Steve Radis on June 30th, 2010.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: June 30th.
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             MR. RATLIFF: It's titled "Rebuttal Testimony
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    Regarding Air Quality Emission Reduction Offsets."
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Is there anything further
    from staff?
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             MR. RATLIFF:
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Any objection from CCAT
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    to Exhibits 214 through 217?
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             MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: No objection.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Any objection by CBE?
             MS. LAZEROW: No.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Any objection by
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    applicant?
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             MR. CARROLL: No.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay. With that,
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    Exhibits 214, 215, 216, 217 marked for identification will
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   be received into evidence as 214, 215, 216, and 217.
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             identification and received into evidence.)
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Anything further from
    staff?
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             MR. RATLIFF: No.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you.
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             Next we go to CCAT. I only have one exhibit from
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    CCAT, which is Exhibit 300, the expert testimony of
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   Michael Harris. Was there anything else?
             MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: No, that would be all.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: So are you moving
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    Exhibit 300 for identification into evidence?
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             MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: Yes, we are moving
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   Exhibit 300 into the evidence.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Any objection from CBE to
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   Exhibit 300?
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             MS. LAZEROW: None.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Any objection by
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    applicant to Exhibit 300?
             MR. CARROLL: No.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Any objection by staff to
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   Exhibit 300?
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             MR. RATLIFF: Well, staff and the air district
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   did object, and actually our objection was more that this
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    is legal argument. And I think the committee has agreed
    with that, but it allowed this to be entered as evidence.
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    We won't reargue the point.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you.
             With that then, the objection is overruled and
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    Exhibit 300 will be received into evidence.
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             (Intervenor's Exhibit 300 was received into
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             evidence.)
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Anything further from
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CCAT?

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: Just for a point of clarification on the exhibit list. Exhibit list number 137 and 145 on the applicant's list are blank, and so I just wanted to be sure that those are actually meant to be blank.

MR. CARROLL: Yes, those were intentionally omitted.

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: Thank you.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thanks for pointing that out.

With that now we're on to Intervenor Communities for a Better Environment. And I show that you have submitted exhibits marked for identification as 400 through 403.

MS. LAZEROW: That's correct.

MS. BAIRD: Excuse me, Hearing Officer. For the record we'd like to reiterate our objection so as to be sure that there's no waiver involved with the Exhibit 300, Mr. Harris.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Noted. And it is clear that South Coast has not waived any objection to Michael Harris's testimony.

So back to you, Ms. Lazerow; just 400 through 403?

1 MS. LAZEROW: That's correct. 2 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you.

Any objection by applicant?

MR. CARROLL: Yes. Applicant continues to object to Exhibits 402 and 403, but we've been overruled on that objection already today.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: And nothing new to add.

Well, I see, 402 are the -- just to make the record clear, the declaration is 403, and the attached to the declaration were the documents now marked as Exhibit 402.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: So I was not actually aware that there was an objection to 402. It is a conglomeration of publicly available documents and excerpts from the response to the Public Records Act --

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: The objection was untimeliness.

 $$\operatorname{MR}.$ CARROLL: Well, am I correct that -- let me make sure that I am correct in my understanding.

Exhibit 402 consists of the attachments to Exhibit 403?

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Correct.

MR. CARROLL: Well, our objection was to the filing of the entirety of the package, but the declaration and the exhibits supporting the declaration, so it was to

1 | both Exhibits 402 and 403.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay. Staff, any objection to Exhibits 400 through 403?

MR. RATLIFF: Well, we had a similar objection, but I think it's already been answered by allowing
Mr. Nazemi to testify to that today.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Ms. Johnson Meszaros?

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: No objection.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay. Then the objection would be overruled, and over the objection of the applicant and staff and South Coast, Exhibits 400 through 401 -- I'm sorry, 400, 401, 402, 403 marked for identification will be received into evidence as exhibits 400 through 403.

(Intervenor's Exhibits 400 through 403 were received into evidence.)

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: That takes care of all of the evidence then with regard to air quality except rebuttal evidence at this time.

So with that, applicant, do you have any rebuttal evidence that you wanted to put into the record?

MR. CARROLL: We do not at this time, but we would like to reserve the opportunity to ask questions of Mr. Nazemi following rebuttal testimony presented by the CEC and South Coast.

1 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: That's -- actually, since you're the applicant, the burden is with the applicant, 2 3 the applicant gets the last word, so you will have the 4 opportunity to do that. Staff, any rebuttal testimony? 5 6 MR. RATLIFF: You've already marked and admitted 7 the staff rebuttal testimony from June 30th. other testimony is that that remains to be given by 8 9 Mr. Nazemi. 10 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay. And you will be --11 staff will be calling Mr. Nazemi? MR. RATLIFF: Yes. 12 13 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay. Any other 14 witnesses besides Mr. Nazemi? 15 MR. RATLIFF: We have Mr. Radis also on the line. 16 He may wish to comment as well on the late-filed testimony 17 of Ms. May. 18 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay. Let me just get 19 into WebEx here. 20 Mr. Radis, are you still on the line? MR. RADIS: I'm still here. 21 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Good. We can hear you 22 loud and clear. 23 24 MR. RADIS: Great.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: With that then, staff,

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1 call your first witness, please. MR. RATLIFF: Call Mr. Nazemi at this time. 2 3 And I would like to give Ms. Baird the 4 opportunity to direct Mr. Nazemi if that's acceptable. This is -- it's not uncommon to allow the air districts to 5 6 participate if they choose to do so directly, and if 7 Ms. Baird chooses to do so, I would like her to go ahead 8 and do the direct examination of Mr. Nazemi. 9 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: That's fine with the 10 committee. 11 Is there any objection by either intervenor CCAT or CBE to Ms. Baird conducting the examination? 12 MS. LAZEROW: CBE has no objection. 13 14 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: And CCAT? 15 MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: No objection. 16 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay. Applicant, no 17 objection? 18 MR. CARROLL: No. 19 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you. You may 20 proceed. Actually, Mr. Nazemi's going to need a dedicated 21 22 microphone. So I think I'm going to put you at the 23 podium, Mr. Nazemi, and this way everybody has a

microphone. Just make sure that the little green light is

on and you speak directly into the mic if you will.

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And

1 (Mohsen Nazemi was sworn.) HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Please state your name 2 3 and spell it for the record. 4 MR. NAZEMI: My name is Mohsen Nazemi, 5 M-o-h-s-e-n N-a-z-e-m-i. 6 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you. You may 7 proceed, Ms. Baird. 8 MS. BAIRD: Thank you, Hearing Office Celli. 9 DIRECT EXAMINATION 10 MS. BAIRD: Mr. Nazemi, you have read the 11 supplemental expert declaration of Julia May dated June 30th, 2010; is that correct? 12 MR. NAZEMI: That is correct. 13 14 MS. BAIRD: And in that declaration Ms. May makes 15 specific comments about certain identified facilities, and 16 I will ask you to comment on those identified facilities 17 and then at the end to discuss her general objection that she makes to a number of facilities. 18 19 First, she identifies a facility called Statewide 20 Sandblasting. Can you summarize for us what her concern was with the calculation for that facility and what your 21 22 response is? 23 MR. NAZEMI: Sure. Ms. May's June 30th 24 declaration raises a number of questions regarding

Statewide as well as four or five other facilities.

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the main argument that she raises about these sandblasting, cement aggregate and other facilities is that the PM 10 factors from these facilities do not represent BACT.

I believe that the district in my earlier declaration rebuttal to Ms. May's June 15 declaration and in our legal arguments have presented that there are no requirements to adjust emissions to BACT, or best available control technology, also known as BACT; however, going straight to that, the case with respect to Statewide Sandblasting, Ms. May argues that the emission factors used by the district, which represents the annual emission report filed by Statewide Sandblasting, represented numbers in terms of pounds per thousand pound of abrasive material that ranged in the 16.5 to 33.5. And she argues that the correct number to use is 1.38 pound per thousand ton of throughput.

And in her declaration the rebuttal, or updated declaration, Ms. May specifically indicates that the AP 42 metal sandblasting emission factors published in 1997 lists abrasive blasting of unspecified metal parts controlled with a fabric filter at 0.69 pounds total PM per thousand pound abrasive blasting. This is on bottom of page 2 of her declaration.

And then she goes on to the top of page 3

indicating that as a result, that factor to be used is 1.38 pounds of PM per ton of throughput.

Ms. May completely misrepresents this source of offset. This source of offset is open abrasive blasting. For open abrasive blasting, the emission factors that are provided in our annual emission reports for utilizing sand as the abrasive material is 33 -- I'm sorry, is 41 pounds per ton controlled and for slag is 10 pounds per ton controlled. The control method for open sandblasting is wet sandblasting. You don't put a building inside a fabric filtered cabinet to sandblast; this is called open sandblasting.

In the case of Statewide, they used 33.5 instead of 41, so they actually used a lower emission factor for sandblasting; however for slag, they used 16.5 instead of 10, which was a higher number.

In 2002, the district audited this facility and required them to adjust the emission factors that they used to what we believe is the correct emission factors, where overall it turned out that they had under-reported their emissions and, therefore, they were required to adjust their emissions to a higher number. Therefore, the number that we chose to use here was actually conservative. We used the overall lower number, that even though they used the wrong emission factors.

However, nevertheless, in order to be super conservative, the district went back and decided that what would happen if we changed the emission factor for slag from 16.5 to 10, and the result in emission reductions for Statewide Sandblasting would be 108 pounds for each open abrasive blasting unit for a total of 219 pounds. And the district will make that surplus adjustment in order to address the higher emission factor used for slag.

MS. BAIRD: And with respect to all of these direct emitters of particulate matter, Ms. May raises an objection that the district has used a ratio of 50 percent PM 10 to total PM. Is that a correct ratio to use, and if so, why?

MR. NAZEMI: The answer is yes, it is a correct and probably conservative ratio to use. I have addressed the 50 percent PM 10 to PM ratio in my June 30th declaration in detail. And in a nutshell, what the response to that is that when we looked at all non-combustion industrial sources, the actual PM 10 to PM ratio was 58 percent or greater.

And when we look at individual non-combustion industrial sources for all except food and aggregate, the numbers were over 50 percent -- I'm sorry, did I say food and aggregate? I have to look at my declaration. It was the food and -- sorry, takes me a minute to find it.

The ratio for various -- it's on page 9 of my June 30th declaration, question 13. In response to question 13 I've indicated that --

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Before you answer that, let me just be -- I want to be sure I'm on the right -- what was the exhibit number for Mr. Nazemi's testimony that he's referring to right now? Page 9 -- I just want to be able -- so page 9 of exhibit, whatever exhibit number. That was Mr. Nazemi's rebuttal testimony. I have Steve Radis's rebuttal from staff. I don't have Mr. Nazemi's rebuttal.

MS. BAIRD: This was filed on June 30th, and perhaps we neglected to make it an exhibit number. I have a copy here if it -- it was docketed, I believe.

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: It's not an exhibit.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Right. Maybe we need to make it an exhibit.

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: The district isn't a party.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: So I think staff would end up having to move it in.

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: Yes. And so then there's an additional question about rebuttal testimony, because now they've got late-filed testimony that came in on June 30th that we've never seen before.

MS. BAIRD: Well, but that's not correct. We served all the parties -- well, on June 30th.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Right. So whatever was served on all the parties, I'm sure that -- I know I've seen this and we've received it and it was on the -- on the POS, so everybody got it on June 30th, I just didn't know whether it had been moved into evidence. If not, it should be; it's part of the record.

MR. RATLIFF: It was served on June 30th, and it was POS-ed directly by the district on that date.

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: It was -- it was -- I don't mean to suggest, although I know I said -- I don't mean to suggest we didn't get a copy of it, but there's an overarching question about how the district is submitting information, whether this is coming in as evidence, is it rebuttal testimony, is it something that we reply to or don't reply to. How does -- how does this process work, June 30th as the day that it shows up?

MR. CARROLL: Well, if I may, I can answer those questions very simply.

It is rebuttal testimony, and June 30th was the date for filing rebuttal testimony; so the only inadvertence here is that these -- this document wasn't identified when we were going through the list of exhibits and it's now been drawn to our attention.

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HEARING OFFICER CELLI: And the committee's
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    interested in this. We've read it already, we've received
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             MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: So its status is that it's
    applicant's rebuttal testimony?
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: I don't think so.
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             MR. RATLIFF: It's being sponsored by staff.
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    was provided by the air district on the date that rebuttal
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    testimony was due.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: So we're now up to 218
    for staff's exhibit numbers. Is there a motion with
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    regard to Exhibit -- marked for identification as
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    Exhibit 218?
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             MR. RATLIFF: Yes. And that would be the
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    rebuttal expert declaration of Mohsen Nazemi regarding
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    emission offset credits filed June 30th, 2010.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Any objection from CCAT?
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             MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: Nothing other than what
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    I've already indicated.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: CBE?
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             MS. LAZEROW: None.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: No objection.
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             Applicant?
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             MR. CARROLL: No.
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HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay. Over objection, so the objection would be overruled.

Exhibit 218 will be received into evidence as Exhibit 218.

(Staff's Exhibit 218 was received into evidence.)

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: And now -- I'm sorry to

interrupt you -- now, let's keep the continuity.

You were talking about page 9 of Exhibit 218, and if you can refer to your rebuttal testimony as 218 from here on out, then it will be easier for me to understand what's going on with the transcript. I'm sorry, go ahead. This was staff's direct.

MR. NAZEMI: On the bottom of page 9 of my rebuttal declaration, I indicate that the average overall PM 10 to PM ratio is actually 58 percent or greater. And the range is from 33 percent to actually 100 percent. And the only industrial process that falls below 50 percent is food and agriculture. Therefore, I believe the ratio that was used in these cases are actually conservative, rather than overestimation.

MS. BAIRD: Thank you. And now, directing your attention to Ms. May's comments regarding Gateway Sandblasting, does she make any comments other than those that were already addressed regarding the PM ratio and in the Statewide Sandblasting?

MR. NAZEMI: No. I believe I responded to that.

Again, this is open abrasive blasting, and she claims that the emission factor for a fabric filter cabinet should be used, which is incorrect.

MS. BAIRD: And directing your attention to the facility Elsinore Ready Mix, can you explain the comment that Ms. May has regarding this facility and your response?

MR. NAZEMI: On page 3 of Ms. May's June 30th declaration, she refers to, under item 8, that Elsinore Ready Mix used a factor of ten pounds per ton of throughput, and that she argues that the documents that are actually in district's database recommend that the ratios should be anywhere, from what she's listed on top of page 4, with the highest being .056 pounds per ton.

In this case Ms. May is mistaken, particularly because she's reading the emission factors incorrectly. The emission factor is not ten pounds per ton, but rather ten pounds per thousand tons. And therefore, if you convert that to pound per ton, the ratio, the emission factor that was used for this facility was .01 pounds per ton. And Ms. May's range of emission factor is -- clearly this factor falls way below the suggested when she used .0568.

In addition, the district has taken a closer look

at the Elsinore emissions in order to ensure that the emissions reported are not in excess of any part adjustment; and as a result of the subsequent review, what Ms. May has also misunderstood is she has looked at individual process unit emission factors for this type of facility and kind of picked and choosed which one should be applied here.

What she doesn't translate in her declaration is that when you deal with a ready mix aggregate-type facility, the throughput goes through many processes, and at each point one of those emission factors applies. So when you try to get the total emissions from the facility, you combine and add those emission factors like a transfer point, every time material goes to a transfer point that's the emission that comes from that particular transfer point.

So when you're looking at the total facility emissions, all those emission factors, some of them numerous times are added together to calculate the composite emission factor.

What Elsinore did in their annual emission report, they reported a composite emission factor that was utilized in this case. And the district went back and looked at ten pounds per thousand ton composite emission factor and recalculated what would be the composite

emission factor using all the controlled emissions that Ms. May had suggested to use. And we recalculated that; we came up with a composite emission factor of 9.68 pounds per thousand tons instead of 10. So the district would make a surplus adjustment in the case of Elsinore of 42 pounds per day of PM 10.

MS. BAIRD: And the final facility that is discussed that is a sand and aggregate handling is Chandler Aggregates. Can you tell us what comment Ms. May had regarding that facility and what is your response?

MR. NAZEMI: If I can find Ms. May's --

MS. BAIRD: It's on --

MR. NAZEMI: Oh, here it is, okay. Sorry.

Yes, Ms. May in her June 30th, 2010, supplemental declaration, or updated declaration, bottom of page 4 she makes an argument that again the emission factor used for this facility was 11.87 pounds per thousand tons, and she argues that the various emission factors ranged from numbers that she's listed at the bottom of that page, and then she's recommending that the highest of these is 8.3 pounds per thousand tons, in which case, if they use that, the emissions would have been reduced by a certain percentage.

Once again, Ms. May is misrepresenting how the composite emission factor is used in the case of Chandler

Aggregates. The district -- she also lists a range of emission factors on the bottom of page 4 from district's documents that she argues it's between 0.12 to 8.3 pounds per thousand ton.

Actually, the list of emission factors that's on district's annual emission report for asphalt, cement, concrete aggregate plant ranges from 0.12. So her lower range is correct, but that range goes as high as 16.5 pounds per thousand tons, twice as much as she's indicated. And the facility used 11.87.

So the district again in this case went back and pulled all the records and recalculated Chandler's composite emission factor to determine what that number would look like.

When the district recalculated the composite emission factors, we determined that the actual emission factor for this facility was 12.52, and the facility used 11.87. Therefore, if anything, they under-reported their emissions by a small percentage. And the district is not adjusting it to the correct number, we're leaving it as indicated in my June 30th declaration to be more conservative.

MS. BAIRD: Mr. Nazemi, several times you've mentioned that the district has performed a surplus adjustment for various of these facilities. Can you

explain what a surplus adjustment is?

MR. NAZEMI: Absolutely. Again, going back to Ms. May's arguments that the district should adjust these credits to BACT, best available control technology, that argument is flawed, and there is no requirement that this be done. However, there is a requirement that any emission credits that are granted not be required by any other federal, state, or local rules or regulation.

And when I refer to surplus adjustment, I'm referring to going back and adjusting any of these credits reported in the AB 1318 tracking system for Sentinel to what would be required under federal, state, or local rules and regulations.

MS. BAIRD: When you perform that surplus adjustment, what was the effect on the amount of PM and SOX credits available for the 1318 tracking system?

MR. NAZEMI: When the district went back and looked at this, we have come up with an estimate that for PM 10, when we look at all the sources, not just the ones that Ms. May has raised in their June 15 or June 30th declaration, but we went back and looked at all the sources. For PM 10, the total adjustment for surplus amounts to 4,983 pounds of PM 10. This is less than four percent of the total PM 10 credits that the district has provided in the -- for the CPV Sentinel project. That

would leave the total amount of PM 10 at 132,816 pounds.

The facility under the worst-case scenario during the first initial commissioning periods needs only 118,120 pounds of PM 10, which shows that the amount of PM 10 credits provided in the district's Table A are more than 12 percent greater than what CPV Sentinel required for their offsets.

The district did the same analysis for SOX, sulfur oxide emissions. And the sulfur oxide emissions reported in Table B as adjusted at our last governing board meeting, are 2,543 -- 25,438 pounds. When we did the surplus adjustment for SOX, the district reduced that total by 88 eight pounds leaving 24,550 pounds. The offsets requirements for CPV Sentinel are 13,928 pounds. This represents more than 75 percent additional SOX offsets than is required by Sentinel project. Therefore, the conclusion is that there is far more than adequate even after surplus adjustments for both PM 10 and SOX in the tables that the district provided.

MS. BAIRD: Mr. Nazemi, the remainder of the facilities listed in Ms. May's June 30th supplemental declaration basically contend that the district had not adjusted that facility to current BACT; and I take it your position is the same, that that is not required.

MR. NAZEMI: Absolutely.

MS. BAIRD: I have no further questions.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you, Ms. Baird.

Ms. Johnson Meszaros, go ahead with cross.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: Based on what you just indicated to the committee, I'd like to understand how that impacts the Title 5 permit/FDOC that the district has issued to CPV Sentinel and whether or not that permit has to be modified to show the changes that you articulated having been adopted by your board under the surplus adjustment theory.

MR. NAZEMI: I'm not sure on what basis you're asking this question. The district has not issued a Title 5 permit to Sentinel yet.

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: Is there an FDOC that's been submitted into evidence here today?

MR. NAZEMI: The FDOC has been submitted into evidence, and the FDOC indicates that, as I indicated in my May 12th revised addendum, that there is more than adequate offsets available for Sentinel for PM 10 and SOX.

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: I understand that. My question is, as I understand the FDOC that's been submitted by the district and its subsequent revisions, the FDOC, a portion of the FDOC is the Title 5 permit; is that correct?

MR. NAZEMI: The district has released a draft Title 5 permit for this project, but that has nothing to do with the FDOC.

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: So your position is that the appendix to the FDOC that indicates the credits upon which Sentinel will be relying to meet its offsets requirements is not part of the Title 5 permit?

MR. NAZEMI: I don't think that's your question. Your question was was FDOC the Title 5 permit; and my answer is that the FDOC is not the Title 5 permit.

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: Well, if you would allow me to modify my question to ask the question that I just asked, the appendix that is included that lists the title -- that lists the offsets upon which Sentinel will rely, what do you -- is that a part of something else, or does it stand alone?

MR. NAZEMI: That's a very vague question. Can you be more specific, please?

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: Is there an appendix that the district has submitted that includes a listing of the offset -- the facilities from which offsets will be provided for the Sentinel plant?

MR. NAZEMI: Yes. We have submitted that as part of the FDOC and addendum and revised addendum.

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: Okay. And is it your

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             MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: Okay. So then I guess my
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    question is based upon what you just said, what does that
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             MR. NAZEMI: I'm not sure. What's the question?
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             MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: Does Appendix N need to be
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             MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: It's part of the --
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: And 141.
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             MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: And 141.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: And is Appendix N --
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             MS. BAIRD: I believe it's part of 141.
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HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay. Is that your understanding?

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: Yes.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay. So I just want to be clear. Appendix N is part of Exhibit 141. Thank you.

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: Yes.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Sorry for the interruption. Go ahead.

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: So I don't mean to ask a question that is complex or convoluted in any way, what I'd just like to know is, there is Exhibit 141, it's got an appendix, in the appendix it lists bunch of facilities and coalesced with that some numbers of offsets that each of those facilities purportedly generated.

Do we agree so far with that?

MR. NAZEMI: Yes.

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: Okay. And so I'm simply asking if based upon the system that you just gave, which I understood to say that the -- for various reasons the board requested, or due to recalculations, the district has surplus adjusted some subset of the credits that show in Appendix N, and I'm just simply asking if you'll be submitting some further documentation. Do you think that that causes any change to Appendix N such that it would need to be modified?

1 MR. NAZEMI: I'll be happy to do that if the commissioner would like to get what I just testified to in 2 3 writing in a reasonable time period, however, there is requirement under state law that these offsets be provided 4 5 for Sentinel under Assembly Bill 1318, and that's what the district has done. 6 7 MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: So your position is that 8 you would -- you're asking the committee to accept your 9 oral testimony today as to the number of credits that are 10 included in the tracking system, the AB 1318 tracking 11 system. MR. NAZEMT: 12 Yes. That's all I need to MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: 13 14 understand. 15 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Nothing further? 16 MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: That's all.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you.

Ms. Lazerow, cross-examination.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

MS. LAZEROW: Good morning.

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MR. NAZEMI: Good morning.

MS. LAZEROW: I trust it's still morning.

So did district inspectors do a physical inspection of the Elsinore Ready Mix facility while it was still operating?

MR. NAZEMI: I'm not sure how --

MS. LAZEROW: To document -- I'm sorry, to give you a sense of why I'm asking, you testified that the emission factors had to take into account this progressive series of associated things that happened at Elsinore Ready Mix to understand what the actual emissions were. So my question is, is the information on which you're basing that from a district inspection of that facility when it was operating?

MR. NAZEMI: The information that I based my adjustments on was based on the permit that was issued to this facility. And I don't have in front of me records of how often and how many times this facility has been inspected while it operated, but that was based on what they were permitted to operate and they operated according to their permit.

MS. LAZEROW: So but you don't have any actual inspection documents showing whether or not it did, in fact, operate the way --

MR. NAZEMI: I don't believe that's what I said. I said I don't have anything in front of me here, but there may be some at the district.

MS. LAZEROW: Okay. And so I would ask the same question concerning Chandler Aggregates.

MR. NAZEMI: Same answer.

MS. LAZEROW: And likewise, the -- was there a third aggregate facility that you said that about, or was it just the two?

And then my next question is you describe surplus adjustment. First you stated that you don't believe that these emissions have to be reduced to reflect current best available control technology, but you acknowledged that there is some sort of surplus requirement embodied in federal or state law. And then you asserted that the -- that the district has, in fact, made a surplus adjustment to all of these credits. That occurred earlier this month; is that right?

MR. NAZEMI: Well, it was not like a moment in time that we have been looking at making these adjustments. The requirements are not to make these surplus adjustments until the emission reduction credits are being used. And so the district has done their preliminary analysis and found that these adjustments, if they were to be done today, does not amount to anything more than five percent adjustments to PM 10 and SOX.

MS. LAZEROW: So could you describe a little bit more what the surplus adjustment is? I take it it's not adjusting to current best available control technology. What is it?

MR. NAZEMI: I believe I said that earlier. It

is to adjust for any federal, state, or local rules or regulation that requires the same reductions.

MS. LAZEROW: So I did make a note of that description that you gave earlier.

Can you give an example from maybe -- from Elsinore or for Chandler?

MR. NAZEMI: Yes. An example would be that if a source was operating and shut down and subsequent to their shut down the district or state or the federal rules were adopted or amended, that would require further reductions in the emissions.

MS. LAZEROW: Subsequent to the shutdown.

MR. NAZEMI: Subsequent to the shutdown.

MS. LAZEROW: And so my final question on that point, I believe, is you stated that this surplus adjustment doesn't have to occur until the credits are actually in use. Have all of the surplus adjustments been made to these credits, or do you intend to make further adjustments when the facility begins operating?

MR. NAZEMI: It's -- at the time of use means at the time that we issue the permit to this facility. So if there's any further rules or regulations that we adopt or federal or state adopts, if it's before the permit is issued, we will make those adjustments as well.

MS. LAZEROW: Thank you. I have no further

questions.

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HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you, Ms. Lazerow.

Applicant.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

MR. CARROLL: Just a couple of questions.

Mr. Nazemi, I believe that you testified that the offsets identified in Table A in the case of PM 10 and Table B in the case of SOX, which were part of Appendix N to the addendum to the determination of compliance, and then also attached in revised form to the revision to the addendum, I believe it was your testimony that even with the adjustments that you've discussed today, that the quantity of both PM 10 and SOX offsets identified there are in excess of what would be required to satisfy the offset obligations of the CPV Sentinel Energy Project; is that correct?

MR. NAZEMI: That is correct.

MR. CARROLL: Okay. So would it be correct to say then that the offsets that are identified in Table A and Table B are not the offsets that will be used to satisfy the offset obligation but comprise the pool from which the offsets that will be used to satisfy the project's offset obligation will come from?

MR. NAZEMI: Correct.

MR. CARROLL: And, therefore, there's no

certainty with respect to any particular line item that those particular offsets would have been or will be used to satisfy the project's offset obligation, correct?

MR. NAZEMI: As long as there is adequate amounts from that pool used for this project, that's correct.

MR. CARROLL: Thank you. Nothing further.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Staff?

MR. RATLIFF: Staff has its own witness as well, Mr. Radis. And he's on the line. I would like to briefly have him testify as well.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay. Before you do, we la have Mr. Nazemi.

Ms. Baird, did you have any redirect?

MS. BAIRD: Yes.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: I'm hoping that if you do, that whatever my questions are, you'll answer them now.

REDIRECT EXAMINATION

MS. BAIRD: Mr. Nazemi, you testified that in the surplus adjustment you would look at rules that have come into effect since the facility shutdown that would apply to that facility and make an adjustment to the amount of credits claimed based on what that rule would require, correct?

MR. NAZEMI: That is correct.

MS. BAIRD: And why is it that BACT, or best available control technology, is not a rule that you would adjust for?

MR. NAZEMI: The reason is because best available control technology only applies when a new facility is constructed or there is modification at an existing facility that requires or that results in an emission increase. And those adjustments are typically done at the time a permit is issued, not when you are doing surplus adjustment.

MS. BAIRD: So the BACT requirement would not apply to that facility for which you've obtained credits; is that right?

MR. NAZEMI: That's correct.

MS. BAIRD: I have no further questions.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you. I'm just going to -- we'll just stay on the record for a moment.

The committee has a question with regard to Mr. Mohsen.

You testified -- Nazemi, I'm sorry.

MR. NAZEMI: Either way works.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Based on the last question -- the question before last really, when you were talking about the -- sort of this body of emissions reduction credits that are available but none exactly --

in other words, sort of -- it sounds like it's this floating mass of ERCs that increases and decreases, and I think the committee's kind of concerned about the need for some exactitude with regard to what the ERCs are going to be that are going to be applied to the Sentinel project.

And how do we know that -- which ERCs are going to be applied?

MR. NAZEMI: At this point, Mr. -- is it Celli?
HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Celli.

MR. NAZEMI: -- Celli, at this point all of those ERCs, or I'd like to call them emission reduction offsets not ERCs because we have a different terminology for ERCs, all of those emission reductions are available for use by Sentinel.

I believe the question that Mr. Carroll asked and I responded to was whether or not all of those are required for Sentinel. And the answer is not all of them are required. So when Sentinel needs to get their permit, we will retire enough to cover what they need for the permit, and whatever is left in that pool will be left in that pool.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you. That answers my question. But I'm going to give the parties an opportunity to do any follow-up if they need to, starting with CCAT.

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MS. LAZEROW: She's got a question right on the tip of her tongue.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay. Recross by CBE. Don't let me forget that I skipped you though.

RECROSS-EXAMINATION

MS. LAZEROW: So I just wanted to clarify based on that that the district is not going to be offering any credits from any other sources for the Sentinel project. This is the pool that is out there; we don't have to analyze any other shutdowns.

MR. NAZEMI: Not at this time, that's correct.

MS. LAZEROW: That's all. Thank you.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you.

Ms. Johnson Meszaros.

RECROSS-EXAMINATION

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: It's also the position of the district that it's not necessary for the EPA to approve or otherwise -- I guess to approve this tracking system prior to Sentinel's reliance upon it?

MS. BAIRD: Mr. Hearing officer, I believe that's a legal question. Object.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: So your objection is that this witness is not qualified to answer that question based on his expertise? Plus a standing objection, he's

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   not a lawyer, right?
             MR. NAZEMI: That's correct.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Sustained.
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             MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: I indeed will. Thank you
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             MR. NAZEMI: Compliance --
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             MR. NAZEMI: -- and enforcement, however you want
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             MR. NAZEMI: I think I have operated under the
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1 system? 2 MR. NAZEMI: That's correct. 3 MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: And you've been the person 4 who's been responsible for identifying what's going to be 5 the emissions factors or surplus adjustments or the like that are related to these credits. 6 7 MR. NAZEMI: That's correct. 8 MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: And you are the person who 9 oversees the submission of this SIP amendment? 10 MR. NAZEMI: Yes, I've been responsible for 11 putting the package together, but the district in general is the person who submits this, not just me. 12 MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: Well, just setting aside 13 14 that the district as an entity needs individuals to carry 15 out its actions, but you're the --16 MR. NAZEMI: It's the executive officer; that's 17 my answer. 18 MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: Okay. So is it -- did 19 the -- did the district prepare a SIP amendment that 20 included this AB 1318 tracking system? MR. NAZEMI: 21 Yes. 22 MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: And is it the

district's -- has the district submitted that to CARB
for -- that SIP amendment to CARB, the proposed
SIP amendment?

MR. NAZEMI: If it hasn't gone out in the mail yet, it will; but the answer is yes.

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: Okay. And it will go to CARB, and it's CARB's responsibility per the district's request to submit that package to the EPA?

MR. NAZEMI: That's correct.

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: And then the EPA will have to make some determination about it?

 $$\operatorname{MR}.\ \operatorname{NAZEMI}:$$ The EPA will approve or disapprove that SIP revision, yes.

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: Okay. And is there a relationship between the district's rules as they exist, including, say, 1303 and the EPA's SIP submission approval?

MS. BAIRD: Objection. Ambiguous.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: That's a pretty broad question. This is cross. Maybe you can narrow it down.

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: When the EPA -- when the EPA receives -- you submitted that document to the EPA with the anticipation that they would act upon it.

MR. NAZEMI: Yes.

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: And their action upon that has some kind of significance for the district and its ability to rely upon the tracking system?

MR. NAZEMI: Both for the district and the

1 applicant.

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: Okay. That's all. Thank you.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you.

So we are -- both intervenors have crossed, so now we're with the applicant.

MR. CARROLL: I have no further questions for the witness.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you.

Redirect?

MS. BAIRD: Nothing.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you, Mr. Nazemi.

Staff?

MR. RATLIFF: Yes. The staff has Mr. Steve Radis on the line, and I would like to briefly give him an opportunity to add, if he chooses to, to any of the testimony that he's heard today with regard to the testimony of Ms. May, the late testimony of Ms. May.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you. If you could just make sure that we're not just giving him carte blanche, sort of guide him, if you would.

MR. RATLIFF: Well, I intend to actually give him carte blanche because the testimony of Mr. Nazemi was very specific and I don't want him to have to recreate that testimony or go item by item. But if he wishes to, I

wanted him to have the opportunity to add to any of the testimony that he has heard today.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: He could summarize.

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5 MR. RATLIFF: So Mr. Radis, are you still on the 6 line?

MR. RADIS: I'm still here.

MR. RATLIFF: Oh, great.

DIRECT EXAMINATION

MR. RATLIFF: You've heard the testimony today of Mr. Nazemi. With regard to that, and without requesting that you go through similar detail in discussing the testimony of Ms. May, is there anything you would like to add to supplement Mr. Nazemi's testimony or to agree or disagree with it?

MR. RADIS: Basically, we kind of went through the same exercise of looking at Julia May's declaration, supplemental declaration, and came to the same conclusion that BACT is not required for adjusting these emission reduction offsets. We basically concur with the district in terms of the fact that they used the appropriate methodology, they were extremely conservative in estimating the available emission reduction credit, and that there are more than enough credits in the inventory or account that would be available for the project to

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    adequately offset their emission.
             MR. RATLIFF: And this would be true even after
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             MR. RADIS: Correct.
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             MR. RATLIFF: Do you have anything else you want
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             MR. RADIS: I do not.
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             MR. RATLIFF: Thank you.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you.
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             MS. LAZEROW: I have no questions.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you.
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             MR. CARROLL: No questions from applicant.
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   committee -- one moment. Off the record.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you, Mr. Radis, for
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   your testimony.
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             MR. RADIS: You're welcome.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Next witness.
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             MR. RATLIFF: No, that is all of our witnesses.
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- 1 And I do want to emphasize that although the focus has
- 2 been on the rebuttal of the second round of testimony that
- 3 Ms. May filed, we did want to make these witnesses
- 4 | available also for the committee's questions. So we
- 5 encourage you to ask any further questions that you may
- 6 have of these witnesses with regard to any of the topics
- 7 | that you feel uncertain about.
- 8 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Well, thank you,
- 9 Mr. Ratliff. The committee at this time has no questions
- 10 of either Mr. Nazemi or Mr. Radis.
- 11 PRESIDING MEMBER BOYD: Rest assured,
- 12 Mr. Ratliff, if we did, we would.
- MR. RATLIFF: Okay.
- 14 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: With that, any further
- 15 | witnesses from either South Coast or staff?
- MR. RATLIFF: No.
- 17 There is one item I wanted to bring up, and that
- 18 is that the district did file response to the legal
- 19 | argument of Mr. Harris. That was also POS-ed to all the
- 20 parties. It is not our intention to make it an
- 21 evidentiary exhibit because we do not believe that it is
- 22 | evidence, but we wanted to make sure that the committee
- 23 | was aware of it, and --
- 24 MS. BAIRD: And it should be part of the record
- 25 | would be our position.

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             MR. RATLIFF: It is part of the record?
             I believe it has been docketed, has it not,
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    Ms. Baird?
             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: When was it filed?
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             MS. BAIRD: June 30th.
             MR. RATLIFF: June 30th.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: June 30th, okay. And
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    that went out to the POS?
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             MS. BAIRD: Yes.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: I've got nodding,
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    affirmative yeses from both intervenors.
             I think that in the abundance of caution the
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    committee would prefer to make it an exhibit just so we
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    have a means by which we can identify it, refer to it.
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             Is this staff's exhibit?
             MR. RATLIFF: This would be staff's --
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: I believe it would be
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             MR. RATLIFF: 220. 219 was Mr. Nazemi's rebuttal
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    testimony.
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             MS. BAIRD: I had that as 218.
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             MR. RATLIFF: So do I.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: All right. Let's clean
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    this up right now.
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             MR. RATLIFF: 218, you're right. 218, rebuttal
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    of Mohsen Nazemi. And what do I have as Exhibit -- so
    when we were talking earlier, and it was the testimony of
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   Mr. Nazemi, I think I'd asked him if he was talking about
    the conservative ratios of 50 percent, PM 10 to PM, and
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    was talking about page 9 of what I wrote down as
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    Exhibit 219, and that was actually page 9 of Exhibit 218;
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    is that correct?
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Yes.
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             MR. RATLIFF: Sorry about that. Thank you for
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    correcting that.
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             MS. BAIRD: It's entitled "Legal Argument of
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    South Coast Air Quality Management District in response to
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    intervenor's testimony filed June 30th."
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Any objection to that
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    legal argument coming in by CCAT as an exhibit?
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             We're with CCAT. Ms. Johnson Meszaros, any
    objection to Exhibit 219?
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             MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: May I have just a second
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    to talk with my co-intervenor?
             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Sure.
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             MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: Thank you.
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             MR. RATLIFF: Mr. Celli, could we perhaps have a
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clarification? It was not the staff's intent to offer

this as evidence but merely to mark it as an exhibit for the convenience of the committee you said.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: That's exactly what we're doing, and that's why we're doing it.

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: Okay. So that's what I was trying to understand. So it's not evidence, it's just getting a number so we have something to refer to.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: That's right. I'm allowing it into the record so I can look at it and understand it and put it in context in the transcript.

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: Okay. There's no objection.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Any objections from CBE?

MS. LAZEROW: No objection.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Applicant, any objection?

MR. CARROLL: Well, I guess I have a question in light of that last exchange.

So as I look at what the document that we're talking about, which was just referenced by Ms. Baird, it responds to certain legal arguments made in the testimony filed by Mr. Harris and Ms. May. The entirety of the declarations from Ms. May and Mr. Harris have been admitted into evidence over the objection of the parties that they consisted of legal argument. So I want to -- I want to make sure that the response to those legal

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    arguments is on an equal footing with the legal arguments
    themselves. So if simply identifying it as an exhibit
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    accomplishes that, I'm fine with that; but since, you
    know, proper or not, the legal arguments made by
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    Mr. Harris and Ms. May have been moved into evidence, I
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    believe it's only appropriate that the response to those
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    legal arguments have an equal footing.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Therefore, you do not
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    object to the admission of Exhibit 219 based on the what's
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    good for the goose is good for the gander doctrine?
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             MR. CARROLL: No, I do not, but I wasn't sure
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    that they were being admitted as opposed to simply
    identified.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: They've been received.
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    So this would be to receive it into evidence as an
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             MR. CARROLL: No objection to that.
             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: With that, Exhibit 219
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   will be received into evidence as Exhibit 219.
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             (Staff's Exhibit 219 was marked for
             identification and received into evidence.)
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Anything further from
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    staff?
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             MS. BAIRD: Just for purposes of clarification,
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you already ruled on our motion to disqualify Mr. Harris.

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    I assume that as well as the response by CCAT as well as
    our reply do not need to be made actually into exhibits
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   but are simply legal arguments.
             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: That's right.
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             MS. BAIRD: Thank you.
             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: That we don't need it in
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    the record.
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             So thank you for that clarification.
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             With that then, really there's nothing further
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    from staff, we move to California Communities Against
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             Is there anything further you had in terms of
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    witnesses or exhibits, evidence you wish to put in?
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             MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: Nothing further.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you.
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             And now to Communities for a Better Environment,
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    CBE.
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             MS. LAZEROW: All those acronyms.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you.
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             Applicant, you bat last.
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             MR. CARROLL: Nothing further from the applicant,
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Well, then with that, we
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received all of the evidence with regard to air quality.

The record is closed.

As to air quality, at this time the entire record of evidence for CPV Sentinel is closed. We will take public comment. I see Ms. Jennings is here. I want to know if there are any members of the public here today in the room, in Hearing Room A.

Anyone wish to make a comment who is present here today?

We have no hands indicating they wish to make a public comment.

So now I'm going to go on the phone to the WebEx people.

Ladies and gentlemen on the phone, I have a number of you who are identified and a number of you who are not. So the way I intend to proceed is I'm going to call the names of the people who did identify themselves, and then after that, if your name was not identified and we ask for further comment, you want to make a comment, you'll need to speak up at that time.

So I have Bill Kelly.

Did you wish to make a comment? Bill Kelly?

Okay. Some people may have put us on hold. Let me make sure I don't have people muted. No, they're not.

Bob Wren?

MR. WREN: No comment.

1 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you. John Foster? 2 3 MR. FOSTER: No comment, thank you. 4 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Bill Kelly, did you come 5 back? Bill Kelly, did you wish to make a comment? 6 Okay. Dale Evanson? 7 MR. EVANSON: No comment. Thank you. 8 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you. 9 Steve Radis was a witness. 10 Vimal Chauhan? I'm sorry if I'm messing up 11 somebody's name here. 12 Does anybody recognize this person? Is he with the applicant, he or she? 13 14 MR. CARROLL: Yes. 15 HEARING OFFICER CELLI: And it also appears that 16 they hung up anyway. 17 Those are all of the telephone users that Okay. 18 identified themselves. I'm going to see if there's anyone now on the telephone who wishes to make a public comment. 19 20 Please speak up now. 21 Okay. Before I give it back to Commissioner Boyd 22 to adjourn, I'd like to discuss briefs with the parties 23 and briefing schedule for briefs on air quality. 24 Do the parties believe that they need to brief 25 air quality any further?

Applicant?

MR. CARROLL: Applicant does not see a need for further briefing on air quality.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Staff?

MR. RATLIFF: Well, commissioners, it's usually the committee who uses the briefs, and so my question would be to you, do you want further briefing or do you think you require it?

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: We're off the record. (Recess.)

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: The committee doesn't request they be briefed; however, they're going to give the parties an opportunity if they wanted it and if it was necessary to brief any issues that they wanted to. If they do, then there would -- we would obviously have to give the parties an opportunity to rebut the brief, but if there are no briefs, then that's -- that's the end of it.

MR. RATLIFF: Well, the staff would at a minimum like to file a brief with proposed findings and conclusions and the evidence that supports such findings. So we would do that at a minimum.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay. CCAT, did you have a position with regard to briefs and need for briefs?

Looks like we're going to have briefs anyway, but go ahead. Let's hear your --

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: Since we're going to have briefs anyway, and first, I'm assuming that when staff submits its proposed findings and the like there will be rebuttal opportunity for that? Okay.

And we would like to brief at a minimum the issues regarding these offset credits. I don't know how specific I need to be, if you're going to give us a page limit --

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: I am.

MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: -- or something like that, then we will let the page limit dictate the level of specificity.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: The way that it would work, just to be clear, is that there would be one round of briefs, one round of rebuttals, that's it. Okay?

So and, CBE, you would also like to brief?

MS. LAZEROW: I agree, yes --

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Okay.

MS. LAZEROW: -- with the general momentum.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Let's look at our -- I'm going to be really honest with you, we are getting these ARRA solar cases out, and I am going to be working on that before I can get to getting Sentinel written, and that will probably take a good month. In the meanwhile, we have to get transcripts off, the parties are going to file

a brief, parties are going to file a rebuttal brief.

So I'm not going to jam everybody on the calendar, just need to -- I wonder if the parties wish to pick a date. I'm thinking really along the lines of a couple of weeks after -- I can't open my calendar on this one. Today is the 19th of July, so we go into August. It's going to take three days to get a transcript off. So middle of August for a brief.

Staff, do you think -- is there a date that works for you?

Everybody's had their vacation, I believe.

MS. HOLMES: Staff would suggest the week of the 9th of August.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: All right. How's Friday the 13th? That's auspicious. Friday the 13th would be briefs due; and then should we say the last Friday in August, is August 27th, for rebuttal. That gives you two weeks to rebut. And I'm going to cap the briefs at 20 pages, please, double spaced, 12-point font.

 $$\operatorname{MS.}$ JOHNSON MESZAROS: An eighth of an inch for the margin?

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Yes.

I'm just guaranteeing that they'll get read.
With that, is there anything further from anyone?
Applicant?

MR. CARROLL: Just to clarify, since we're going to have briefing anyway, applicant reserves the right to file briefs should it deem it necessary, although we indicated that we didn't think it was necessary.

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: That's right, but it's not necessary. And the applicant can hold out till rebuttal.

MR. CARROLL: One further question. In light of that briefing schedule, can you give us any sense of when you might expect a proposed decision?

HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Yes. Actually, the bulk of the rest of it is already written; I mean, really, it's just we're down to air quality. The problem is I'm writing several decisions at the same time right now because of this unusual circumstance. This is not normal, the solar funded -- ARRA funded solar power plants. And I'm optimistic that by August 27th when the last brief is in, I could probably get the last of it out within about two weeks of that date. And I'm thinking would be -- would include, you know, having the committee read it and get back to us so that we could in September have a -- I can't make a promise now on this because my time isn't necessarily my own, but in September, I think it would be reasonable to expect a PMP.

MR. CARROLL: We appreciate that. And we

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    obviously understand the ARRA projects and the need to
    address the ARRA projects; but we just reiterate, as
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    you've acknowledged, that this application has been
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    pending for quite some time, and we have our own very
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    very important reasons for seeing this project move
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: I'll do everything in my
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   power to get it out as quickly as I can.
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             PRESIDING MEMBER BOYD: I can assure you it will
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   be finished in my term of office.
             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Staff, anything in
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    conclusion?
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             MS. HOLMES: Nothing further.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: CCAT, please.
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             MS. JOHNSON MESZAROS: Nothing further.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI:
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             MS. LAZEROW: Nothing.
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             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: And South Coast?
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             MS. BAIRD: Nothing.
             HEARING OFFICER CELLI: Thank you. Thank you
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             PRESIDING MEMBER BOYD: I want to thank everybody
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for being here today. I want to thank everybody for a

timely hearing today to allow me to go back home and go to bed with my walking pneumonia that I've been walking around with.

In any event, we look forward to moving all these things along as quickly as we can. And I thank you, and I'm glad to put faces with names today.

Thank you, everybody. Hearing adjourned.

(Thereupon the hearing adjourned at 12:14 p.m.)

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